

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject patent application are respectfully requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that claims 5 and 7 contain allowable subject matter. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of now-canceled claim 5 and intervening claim 2 and is now believed to be allowable. Claims 3 and 7 have been amended to depend from claim 1. Consequently, claims 1, 3 and 7 are believed to be allowable. Claim 4 depends from claim 3 and likewise believed to be allowable. The remaining claims have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Because these amendments are believed to place this application in condition for allowance, entry is believed to be appropriate and is respectfully requested.

An Information Disclosure Statement was filed on February 5, 2006. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the documents identified in this IDS and return an initialed PTO-1449 form with the next office action.

Finally, the objection to the drawings set forth in the final office action is believed to be moot in view of the above amendments.

The pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance and favorable office action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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